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*McLeod Country Golf Club*

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## LOCAL GOLF CLUB HONOURS ITS HERITAGE

McLeod Country Golf Club that was established on land it bought for \$1 in 1968 is this month celebrating its anniversary and heritage by way of a variety of golf-related events.

Last Saturday was the annual Scotsman's Day, held each year for the last 35 years, paying tribute to the club's Scottish heritage.

According to President, Deborah Marsland, along with a full field of 150 players, a few of the original founders of the day took part.

"McLeod Country Golf Club had to obtain permission from the McLeod clan in Scotland to use their name and tartan, and it was this feat, together with the large number of Scottish members, which saw the start of Scotman's Day," Ms Marsland said.

The day started with a mixed competition, where the President and her partner were piped to the team by the guest bagpiper, and ended with a dinner that includes Scottish favourite, haggis.

A week later, McLeod Country Golf Club has just celebrating its 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, with a ladies only competition and cake, baked by one of the members, served at the awards presentation.

The Western Suburbs golf club was founded by Kathleen Atherton, Hilda Reid, and a group of women who identified the need for a golf club which would allow business women to play golf on Saturdays.

To this day, it remains the first and only golf club fully administered by women in Australia and quite likely the world.

Today both women and men make up the 1000 + membership, enjoying the strong camaraderie and fellowship as well as a challenging game of golf on the 18 hole course.

Ms Atherton, one of the club's founding members, was initially told that a women's' golf club would not be a viable proposition, but she was eager to establish a mixed club run by women so that they could be sure of having a fair share of the course.

They started to look around for a suitable tract of land at a cheap price to start a new club, and they even ventured as far as Samford to look at land, but prices were far too expensive at \$1000 per acre.

The ladies then heard that Centenary Estates were wanting to develop a golf course and had set aside an area of approximately 125 acres. It was freehold and available at no cost to any group that would undertake to develop a golf course within three years.

After raising much needed funds and support, on 20<sup>th</sup> September 1968 the agreement was signed between Centenary Estates and the McLeod Country Golf Club.

The Clubhouse has since been extended and now has function rooms and poker machine facilities.

McLeod hosts several prestigious events each year from Pro-Ams to two day corporate events. The club fields pennants teams in both male and female competitions, with beginner and junior groups strongly supported with special clinics scheduled weekly to cater for all levels of ability.

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